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RAKSHA MANTRI SAHAYATA KOSH
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any separate fund available with him viz Raksha Mantri Sahayata Kosh;

(b) the purpose of such Kosh; and

(c) the guidelines issued by the Government to use the said fund?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): There is no fund with the Defence Minister, named `Raksha Mantri Sahayata Kosh`.However, there is a non-public fund with Raksha Mantri called `Raksha Mantri Discretionary Fund` (RMDF)The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to ex-Servicemen and their dependents in penury and having no other source of income.

(c) The guidelines issued by Ministry of Defence on this fund are as under:

(i) Assistance to old infirm ex-Servicemen/widows of ESM:- Rs. 1,000/- per month for two years.

(ii) Marriage of daughters of ex-Servicemen/widows in penury:- Rs. 8,000/-

(iii) Repairs of house for ESM/widows in penury:- Rs. 10,000/-

(iv) Medical treatment:- Depending on the nature and gravity of ailment, subject to a maximum of Rs. 15,000/-

(v) Grant for children education:- Rs. 100/- p.m. per child for maximum of three children up to XII standard.

(vi) Other cases in respect of ESM/Widows in penury:- (Like natural calamities, accidental death or where Raksha Mantri/Raksha Rajya Mantri feels that the case deserves sympathetic consideration) - No single transaction to exceed Rs. 15,000/-.